

# Rodriguez Sets School Record With Four Goals in Win

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## MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Freshman Rebecca Rodriguez set a school-record with four goals and Laura Miguez added a pair of assists, as Middle Tennessee defeated Louisiana-Monroe, 5-0, Friday afternoon in the Middle Tennessee Classic. Rodriguez scored twice in the final 6:28 of the first half and two more times in the first 8:56 of the second frame to break open a scoreless match and send the Blue Raiders to their second straight win to start the season. Middle Tennessee last started 2-0-0 in 1999 when the squad began the year with five straight victories. The Blue Raiders had two good chances early in the opening half, but Middle Tennessee took the lead late in the half. Freshman Rebecca Rodriguez entered the game



late in the half and immediately made a difference. Laura Miguez blasted a shot that hit the crossbar and Rodriguez picked up the rebound, beat one defender and fired it into the back of the net in the 40th minute for a 1-0 Blue Raider advantage. Rodriguez was in the game just 1:02 when she put Middle Tennessee on the board. Rodriguez took a pass and streaked down the rightside in the final minute of the half, cut back to the middle and beat ULM keeper Rachel Marcom with a low shot for a 2-0 lead. The Dallas, Texas, native was in the match just 6:28 in the first half, scoring twice on three shots. The freshman netted her third goal seven minutes into the second half. Freshman Rachel Holmes made a long run down the middle to the top of the box and fed Rodriguez, who beat Marcom low and left for the third time in the match. Two minutes later Miguez made a run near the endline. Her shot was saved but bounced back in front of the net, where Rodriguez re-directed it into the net for a 4-0 lead. Senior Jenny Cox had the final tally for the Blue Raiders, taking a feed from Danielle LaDuke in the 74th minute. "Louisiana-Monroe is a very good team and the best squad we've played so far because they are very organized," Middle Tennessee head coach Aston Rhoden said. "We

got our opportunities and finished them today, something we did not do last week. "Rebecca [Rodriguez] came in and got some good shots and came away with four goals. It's good to see a freshman come in and make something happen. We just have to come back Sunday and do this again." Louisiana-Monroe takes on Alabama A&M at 1 p.m. Sunday, while the Blue Raiders play Western Carolina at 3 p.m.

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